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FYI: As Hare explained to Ambassador during recent consultation, USG encouragement Jordan seek French aircraft to some extent faute de mieux effort discourage and delay Jordanian purchase supersonics generally. In addition encouraging GOJ look at Mirages we have also pushed possibility purchase British Lightnings. We recognize certain incongruities involved in French case, but have also noted from various diplomatic and intelligence reports that French interest not entirely lacking.

Meanwhile Department continues review sensitive and comp[illegible] policy ramifications involved Jordanian supersonics as well as Lebanese and Israeli transactions. For time being US interests best served by Embassy taking line developed in ref Deptels.

Israel and Lebanon situations subject separate messages. END FYI.

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